

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 13, 14, and 26 been amended to clarify certain aspects of these claims. New claims 68 and 69 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-38, 68, and 69 are pending.

In the Office Action mailed April 20, 2005, claims 1-38 were rejected. More specifically, claims 1-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Office Action asserts that the relationship between the "plurality of dies" and the "workpiece" is not clear because some of the claims (e.g., claims 1, 13, 14, and 26) state that the dies are "on" an active side of the workpiece. (Office Action, p. 2.)

Claims 1, 13, 14, and 26 have been amended to clarify that the microelectronic dies are at the active side of the workpiece and, accordingly, the dies can be in and/or on the workpiece. The amendments to claims 1, 13, 14, and 26 are not narrowing amendments made for the purposes of patentability because they do not narrow these claims. Therefore, the Section 112 rejection of claims 1-38 should be withdrawn.

Claims 68 and 69 have been added to the present application. The subject matter of these claims is supported by the figures and the text of the original application. Therefore, these claims do not add any new matter to the application, and are fully supported under Section 112, paragraph one.

In view of the foregoing, the pending claims comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are patentable over the applied art. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and a mailing of a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-3982.

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